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The David Field House  
Madison, Connecticut

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PHOTOGRAPHS  
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MADISON, NEW HAVEN COUNTY, CONNECTICUT

Owner: Estate of Mrs. W. D. Mossman, Madison

Date of Erection: 1719-20

Architect and Builder: Not known

Present Condition: Very poor.

Number of Stories: Two and one-half

Materials of Construction: Clapboard sidewalls  
Fieldstone center chimney 4-1/2 feet square  
Shingled roof

Other Existing Records: Colonial Dames Series: Old Houses of  
Connecticut.

List of Photographs:

1. Southeast Elevation
2. Northeast Elevation
3. West Corner of Parlor Wall
4. Detail of East Wall-Northeast Bedroom

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The earliest mention of the David Field House is found in a will of David Field in 1750 recorded in the Town of Guilford. David Field was a Lieutenant of Colonial Troops.

This old house is of particular interest as it was the ancestral home of many men who became well known. Perhaps the best known of them all was Cyrus West Field who was responsible for the Atlantic Cable and while he was not born in this house, it was his father's early home.

The house was very much dilapidated when purchased in 1858 and most of the masonry had to be re-pointed. Partitions were also put into three of the four front rooms, but this did not change the original construction to any great extent.

Source of Information: Colonial Dames Series: "Old Houses of Connecticut"

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